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POLICE INVESTIGATE FATAL OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN NORTH PARK

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the circumstances surrounding a fatal officer-involved shooting inside a North Park residence.

This morning, at 10:42 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 3400 block of Alabama Street to evaluate the mental health of a 55-year-old man who lived with his 85-year-old mother. When they arrived, the officers met the man's mother and sister in a courtyard outside the residence. The mother and sister told them the man was agitated and had assaulted them. As they spoke, the officers saw the male (later identified as Bradford Sarten) open, then shut, a door on the southeast corner of the residence.

The officers entered the residence via the front door and asked the male to reveal himself. Sarten came out of the kitchen, holding a knife in his hand. The officers told Sarten to drop the knife. Sarten told the officers they would have to shoot him. Sarten advanced on the officers while holding the knife in front of him. An officer shot Sarten and requested paramedics. Sarten died at a trauma center at 11:35 a.m.

Detectives obtained a search warrant to process the residence and collect evidence.

The officer involved in the shooting is a ten year veteran of the department.

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